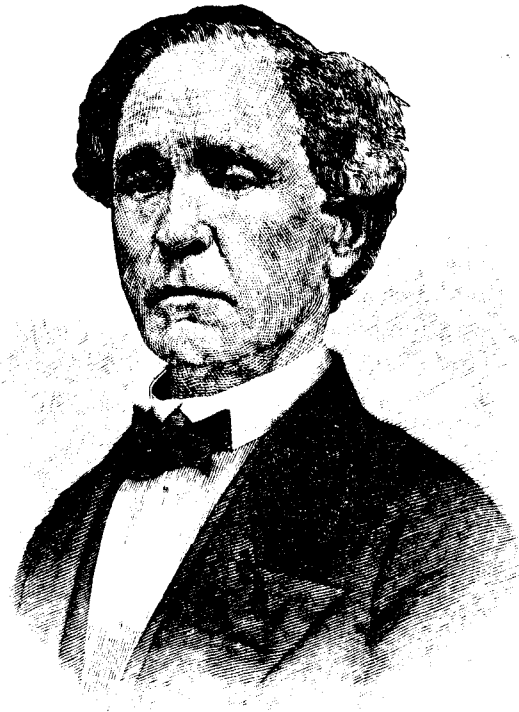


Campbell. He died April 4, 1812. His children were Ephraim Ruth, Amy, Aaron, Solomon, Jane, Silas, Bildad, Rebecca and Elias. Of these Ephraim, Jr., was born July 12, 1758; married, October 30, 1784, Jane Fyler, who died March 30, 1789; married, second, July 20, 1789, Zerviah Hill. He died in 1824. His children were Reuben, Oliver, Ephraim, Asahel, Zerviah, Ruth, Ephraim, Charles G., Roman and Caroline. Reuben

18, 1817, when he loaded all his household goods, his wife and three sons (the eldest but six years old) into a large covered wagon, and, with two yoke of oxen as motive power, started for Mt. Pleasant, in Wayne County, Pa., one hundred and fifty miles away. At Mt. Pleasant they had a distant relative, whom they called uncle Ichabod Demens, and at whose door the two yoke of oxen and wagon, with its cold and weary occupants, came to a halt in the



*E. W. Loomis*

Loomis, or the father of our subject, was born in Torrington, Litchfield County, Conn., October 9, 1785. At the age of seventeen he became a member of his uncle Stephen Fyler's family, with whom he resided until he reached his majority. He then spent some time in New Hampshire, working on a turnpike. After his marriage, in 1807, to Miss Sarah Westland, who was born in Windsor, Hartford County, Conn., November 25, 1787, he worked at farming or anything which offered until January

night of January 27th, just nine days after starting. Erastus W., though but six years old at the time, well remembers that long ride in mid-winter, and the joy they experienced when, crying with cold and hunger, they reached Uncle Demens' door. Mr. Loomis bought fifty-seven acres of wild land adjoining Uncle Demens' farm, and at once commenced the work of building a small log house and cutting away the timber around the same. During the winter the family lived with Daniel Roberts,